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PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

MONDAY—Pearl White in the serial, "Pearl of the Army." The episode is entitled "War Clouds," and depicts the crucial time when the troops were on the way to the front. It is an exciting chapter, and is a story in itself. Are you are following this serial? Also the Pathé comedy, "Luke and the Bang-Tails." Another comedy is Hank Mann of Triangle fame in "Hearts and Sparks."

TUESDAY—Vivian Martin in "Her Father's Son." This is a Paramount picture presented by Oliver Morosco, and is an ante-bellum story of the South "before the war," the golden period of romance and chivalry. "Pearl of the Army" is repeated.

WEDNESDAY—Valeska Suratt in "The Straight Way," presented by William Fox. A story of thrilling interest surrounding the life of a woman seeking vengeance for wrongs. Pathé-Hearst pictures of Admiral Dewey and other war pictures.

THURSDAY—Douglas Fairbanks in "The Lamb." The story is not like the title. See second page of program for synopsis. Also Ford Sterling in Triangle-Keystone comedy, "His Pride and Shame."

FRIDAY—Emily Stevens in "The Wager." This powerful actress has been seen here before and made friends. Repeated calls for her return have resulted in this program of a marvelous Metro play of a woman, her love, and the stern edict of law. Burton Holmes travels in the island of Capri.

SATURDAY—"Witchcraft." Do you like stories of real mystery, stories that thrill and yet are wholesome? This is one. Fannie Ward and Jack Dean in a story of New England witchcraft days of 1692. Also a comedy, "Braving Blazes."

ALL THE DRAMATIC STARS—ALL THE CLEANEST COMEDIES

Flood Control Bonds Bitterly Contested

Hard-Fought Battle For Prosperity of Country Districts Still Somewhat in Doubt Yesterday Afternoon—Believed to Have Been Carried—Los Angeles Was Hostile to the End.

News at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from J. L. Matthews, campaign chairman of publicity, was to the effect that the bond issue had carried by 231 votes.

The result of the flood control bond election in this valley was as follows: Covina consolidated precinct, yes 321, no 107; Covina outside precinct (Givens'), yes 137; no 16; Lark Ellen school, yes 227, no 68; Charter Oak, yes 124, no 4; Azusa city, yes 197, no 126; Azusa outside, yes 110, no 46; Glendora, yes 270, no 60; Glendora outside, yes 108, no 4; Lordsburg, yes 193, no 42; Puente and West Covina, yes 149; no 124.

While the upper San Gabriel valley voted a good majority for the bond election, the vote was not heavy on account of the rainy day, and also because many were apathetic and indifferent, in spite of the earnest campaign that had been waged for the bond issue. If the country districts had in reality taken the election at heart, the lead over Los Angeles city would have been a very considerable and satisfactory one. Los Angeles city from the very first was hostile to the bonds, but did not vote heavily either way.

Los Angeles morning newspapers announced yesterday that the election might be contested on its constitutionality, but this idea is scouted by the proponents of the bonds, because of the fact that the attorney-general of the state passed favorably upon the Baker act at the time last year when it was

will make a test case of it, and that for several weeks the result will be in the hands of the courts.

As to the possibility of bond buyers being timid about accepting the issue, Attorney O'Melveny, leading attorney for bond houses in Los Angeles, has repeatedly said during the campaign that the bonds will be entirely valid, and that the market would be receptive to them if they passed by a majority. The question of the constitutionality of the issue is largely based on the clause in the Baker act which allows for the passing of the bonds by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote. It is stated that there are plenty of precedents in the statutes where similar bond issues for assessment districts have stood legal on a majority vote.

Owing to some trouble with the tally sheets in Los Angeles, caused through the holding of an election with three propositions before the people, the count was slow in being tabulated. The opponents of the bonds have promised that a recount will be asked for. A feature of the campaign is that strong rumors of a recall petition being circulated against Supervisor McClellan in the beach district have persisted during the past few days. He opposed the bond issue. Long Beach gave the bonds a majority of 6000. The people of that city made a holiday of Tuesday, and at one time during the day blew the air whistle for a hour to lend excitement to the occasion and get the people out. All districts and cities outside of Los Angeles city gave a majority for the bonds, with the exception of Santa Monica.

A human interest feature of the campaign is that Joe Carr, Civil war veteran, whose little home-place is on the San Dimas wash in Charter Oak, succeeded in getting a heavy majority for the bond issue at the Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle. The old veteran worked with determination for several weeks. Carr is the man who was rescued from his home by ranchers during the storm of 1916.

HUNGARIAN ORCHESTRA NEXT ON LYCEUM PROGRAM

A musical treat is in store for Covina people next Monday evening, Feb. 26, when Schidkret's Hungarian orchestra will appear in the auditorium of the high school in the fourth number of the lyceum course that is being given here. Dr. B. S. Gowen, supervising principal of schools, who is general chairman of the lyceum committee, says that all advance notices indicate that this program will be a rare treat for all music-lovers.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED

An ordinance regulating weights and measures was brought before the meeting of the city board of trustees last Tuesday evening, and after being thoroughly discussed, was adopted. The ordinance provides that the weights and measures inspector of Los Angeles county shall be at liberty at any time to test out the weights of such things as bread and pastry that are supposed to come up to a certain standard weight. The ordinance goes further, and provides that all baked food and pastry kept for sale, shall be placed under screens to protect against flies.

Every attempt will be made by the city to safeguard the public health. Right in line with the action taken a week ago, to provide this section of the county with a resident health officer, the city clerk at the last meeting was instructed to advertise for bids on a chloride control to be placed at the reservoir of the city water department. The chlorination process for purifying domestic water has been found to be thoroughly efficient, and if installed here, will practically insure a pure water supply for the district.

There have been numerous complaints lodged with the trustees regarding Pacific Electric trains that do not stop at Citrus avenue. The city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance, obliging all cars and trains to stop at this street crossing.

Sicilian Lemons Are Checked by Blockade

Frosts in Florida Clear Up Eastern Market of Competition—Rains in California Stop Picking of Citrus Fruits—Empty Market Causes Prices to Steadily Advance.

Frosts in Florida and rain in California

ange market is going to be exceptional all strong from now until the end of the season, but that the continued rain over the state is withholding a good deal of fruit from the market.

Ranchers are unable to get into the orchards to pick fruit this week, and this has caused the packing house to shut down. If fruit could be started at once for the east it would meet with a firm market and good prices, the shippers say, but they also add that the market will undoubtedly keep strong for an indefinite time.

The unusual cold weather in Florida removed a large amount of fruit from competition that would otherwise have been coming in during the last of February. The Florida fruit men lost about seventy-five per cent of the fruit that remained on the trees because of the cold weather that swept the state.

Lemons are sharing in the high prices. The submarine blockade has stopped all shipments of lemons from Sicily and foreign points. The American market is now being filled exclusively by American shippers. Lemons are bringing over four dollars the box, with every indication that the price will steadily increase as the season progresses.

Shippers say that if a couple of weeks of fair weather can be had at once, the fruit picked in California during that time will go into a very receptive and satisfactory market.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EXEMPLIFY IMPRESSIVE RITES

Frederick Maxwell Clark was the candidate upon whom was conferred the beautiful and impressive order of the temple at the ceremonies last Friday evening by Covina commandery Knights Templar, in Masonic hall.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Very Eminent Sir Robert Wankowski, grand senior warden of the grand commandery of California. Other distinguished visitors present were District Inspector Andrew Copp, Jr., and Past Grand Commander H. A. Evans of Oklahoma. Members were present from Los Angeles, Pomona, Azusa, Puente, Glendora, Monrovia, and other Southern California commanderies.

Eminent Commander Charles E. Paige of Covina commandery presided at the banquet which followed the exemplification of the work. The affair was one of the most successful that has been held here.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Flowers, a boy, Feb. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Meier, a boy, Feb. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stanton, a girl, Feb. 15th.

COAST ARTILLERY PLATOON BEGINS DRILLING AT COVINA--WILL FORM FULL COMPANY HERE

COVINA MEMBERS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH

Clarence K. Cantonwine
Howard Douglas
Charles V. Gray
Roy Howard
Percy R. Jackson
Arthur E. Laun
Ward M. Melton
Floyd E. Monia
Ethan C. Scofield
Charles E. Shellman

John A. Clarke
Frank J. Gard
John Gresham
Howard E. Hutchinson
Frank A. Jessup
Glenn Mapes
Wells C. Merwin
Gilbert W. Nigg
Sam G. Scofield
Charles M. Warren

Paul G. Washington

Twenty-one of the young men of Covina valley have enlisted in the 24th company, second provisional regiment, coast artillery, national guard U. S. A. The men drill every Wednesday night in Coolman's hall by officers from Monrovia, where the company is stationed. More enlistments are in sight, according to the officers, and it is promised that the Covina contingent will be recruited to four squads, a full platoon of 35 men.

Captain Charles O. Brown of the 24th company, assisted by his officers, has been carrying out a well-defined plan of enlistment throughout the valley. The company at Monrovia now has 100 men, which is more than one company is required to contain, and the recruiting was done through the enthusiasm of the business men of that city last summer. The second provisional regiment of coast artillery is commanded by Colonel H. B. Light of Los Angeles, a former infantry major, and the regiment was mustered into United States service last October.

Assisting Captain Brown with the recruiting and drilling is First Lieutenant A. W. Hazen and Second Lieutenant W. W. Bacon. The drilling this week on Wednesday night was under the command of Lieutenant Bacon, First Sergeant J. W. Casner, and acting guides W. C. Merwin and Howard Douglas. The company is now in the process of training on the border last summer.

FOR FORT MacARTHUR.

The coast artillery companies will be stationed at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, and at San Diego and other joints along the Pacific coast. One night each week will be devoted to drill in the home town. A period of several weeks of daily drill at the coast will be given the companies each summer. The men will not be taken away from home excepting in the event of war, and in that event they will not be taken very far from home, according to the plans of defense, as the coast artillery belongs to the immobile contingent, and is kept in the forts. None of the men can be transferred to other commands excepting at their own request. While they are grouped as a regiment, the contingents are in reality not in contention, but are separate units. The infantry formation is used for convenience in times of peace, and the men are drilled in the manual of infantry. Much of the work that will later be received will be with the big guns, and will call for a certain amount of mathematical ability.

When the town and country of this valley wakes up to the fact that a company of soldiers is in process of formation, it is thought that local pride will be aroused, and that it will receive the warm support of the people. Lieutenant Bacon said last Wednesday night that the work would be carried out with the idea of forming a company of 100 men from Covina, Glendora, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Charter Oak, San Dimas, Irwindale, West Covina, and Puente, and in that event the company barracks

would be stationed at Covina as being the central point. Other companies will be formed on the east and west, and these would later be made into a third provisional regiment.

The coast artillery branch of the service is looked upon by many as preferable to the infantry, as the men are not called upon to go into temporary field camps, but are assigned to forts in time of war. Unlike the infantry, they cannot be taken inland or to the border, as their work all has to do with the manning of the big guns in the scheme of coast defense.

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WALNUT MEN WORKING EARNESTLY FOR PRODUCTION OF IDEAL TYPE OF WALNUT

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Before taking up a discussion of the varieties to the various soil and climatic merits of our present day varieties of conditions of the state is of prime importance in choosing the sort for one's characteristics which may be looked for local conditions. Although the French in a so-called "ideal variety." It is types are successfully grown in central not to be expected that an ideal or perfect variety of walnut will ever be found, any more than a perfect apple, a perfect orange or a perfect man. An ideal is necessary, however, as a guide in any progressive undertaking, and the more nearly we approach such an ideal, the greater our success.

Heavy production is the first and most important quality. A fancy market nut may be unprofitable if the tree is a light producer. The average production for the state is less than 1000 pounds per acre, amounting to about fifty pounds per tree. This low yield is due in part to the wide variation among our seedling trees, certain trees in a grove may produce as high as 200 pounds while others may average less than 20 pounds. Since individual mature grove trees produce as high as 200 pounds of nuts as a yearly average, this figure should not be considered as too high a standard to set. Many solitary trees with plenty of room for top and root development, will exceed this standard nearly a hundred per cent. Due observation should be made, however, that such trees usually experience ideal environmental conditions for the development of the one individual, while trees in a grove are keenly competing with each other for sunlight and moisture.

Precociousness or ability to reach profitable bearing at an early age is a desirable character in any fruit if this tendency does not impair the future usefulness of the tree. Whereas the "prolific" variety will possibly average 30 pounds of nuts per tree, the fourth year, most varieties now grown will fall short of this standard about fifty per cent.

The character of the nuts of varieties and seedling trees varies widely and may make a difference of nearly 100 per cent in the selling price. Commercial seedling nuts are graded in three sizes, namely, the second grade includes nuts which will pass through a square hole 1 1/2 of an inch in diameter; the first grade will not pass through the 1 1/2-inch hole but will drop through a 1 3/8-inch square opening; a third grade includes all nuts known as the Jumbo grade. By far the greatest commercial demand is for the medium sized or first grade nut. Regardless of size, the nuts should be uniform in shape and relatively smooth, presenting the appearance of standardized product. This is not possible with seedling trees for although this product is graded strictly for size, the nuts vary in shape to a considerable extent. Of course these last two points, uniformity and smoothness, are simply market fancies, but there is a commercial premium of three or four cents per pound on them nevertheless. The color of the shell is of minor importance as the bleaching process makes up for a deficiency in this regard. The shell should be of medium thickness and well sealed so it will pass through the packing house machinery without injury, and yet it should be easily cracked with a small nut cracker. The very thin shelled varieties are apt to crack open during the harvesting processes, become contaminated and spoil in storage. They are also more apt to be injured by sunburn and perforation than the thick shelled sorts. The meat should crack out whole. It should be plump, light colored, filled out evenly, pleasant flavored and should compose about fifty per cent of the total weight of the nut. There is very little stress laid on quality according to the present commercial grading so long as the nut is not actually bitter; however, as the named varieties become better known and sold under their true names, the public is certain to put a premium on good quality as they do with food-stuffs. There is a decided antipathy at present for the dark kernelled nuts and better prices are realized for the light mented varieties when other characters are at all equal.

The blooming season of the different varieties may have considerable bearing on their adaptation to certain localities. The French varieties, as the Franquette, and Mayette; and the Eureka are from one to two months later than the soft shell seedlings in starting growth in the spring. The factor of lateness may avoid frosts and make such varieties preferable for the cooler sections. It seems to be a matter of observation that the late blooming varieties also avoid blight infection to some degree during most seasons; while the early varieties often encounter damp weather which is favorable to the spread of this disease. The tendency for the variety to either avoid or resist the blight is a very important consideration. Whereas no perfectly immune variety has ever been discovered, nevertheless a varying amount of injury is a matter of common observation in studying the several varieties now being propagated.

A consideration of the adaption of

follows soon after the Placentia and earlier than the Franquette or Mayette. Taking all points into consideration, the Eureka seems to be one of the most promising varieties for the northern inland sections.

The Franquette. This old French variety is seen at its best in central California from San Jose to Santa Rosa. It has also been extensively planted through the northwestern states. The trees are of medium size and vigor, and only medium productivity. The nut itself is large, symmetrical and fairly uniform. The shell is well sealed but thin, cracking open easily. The kernel is light cream colored, medium plumpness and of excellent quality, approaching the hickory nut in flavor. The lateness of the tree in leafing out and blooming in the spring enables it to avoid the walnut blight to some degree, as this disease is usually spread more readily during the early spring. The thick husk and the protection the nuts receive from the foliage makes the occurrence of sunburn very rare in the Franquette. This sort has had a much more thorough trial than the Eureka and can safely be recommended for much of the central and northern portion of California. In the south this variety is a failure, producing a weak, spindly growth and few or no nuts.

In selecting a variety for planting, great importance should attach to the success of varieties and types in the same locality or sections possessing similar climatic and soil conditions. Among other varieties which seem well adapted to particular sections are the Mayette, Concord, Payne, Chase, El Monte and Prolific. The range of adaption of the several varieties often seems very narrow, and planting in a new untried region should be looked upon as an experiment, the results of which may not be known for a number of years after planting. With the many soil and climatic conditions which occur in the extensive state of California there is a great likelihood in the future of there being a much larger list of commercial varieties of walnuts each adapted to a certain set of conditions, ranging from the foggy coast sections to the desert valleys and the sandy loam soils to the heavy clays.

Many of the new varieties of the future are doubtless growing in obscurity among the vast seedling groves. It seems reasonable to expect among the thousands of such trees there may be some individuals which will prove equal, if not superior, to such standard varieties as the Placentia and Eureka, and perhaps better adapted to localities where these varieties are only partially successful. Every walnut grower should be on the lookout for meritorious trees among grove plantings. Too much importance should not be given the superiority of solitary or "door-yard" trees as they frequently have a decided advantage over the individuals competing with each other under grove conditions. When we look back upon the history of our varieties and see that most of them have been simply accidental discoveries by some observing nurseryman or orchardist, we must be encouraged in our search for superior varieties among the wealth of material in the old seedling groves.

Individual tree production records kept for a number of years, will not only enable the observer to locate any superior tree if it be present, but it will also serve to locate the habitually low producing trees. These latter individuals are one of the contributing factors which have kept the average production for the state below 1000 pounds per acre. Many of the old seedling groves need thinning out. The removal of the lowest yielding trees to the extent of about 25 per cent of the grove, would likely increase the eventual production per acre. Thinning out a grove on this principle would leave a rather spotted uneven planting, but if it raises the production it is certainly worth considering. The removal of low yielding trees should be based on at least two, and preferably four years' records, as some trees have a tendency to bear alternate years. The present year's records of 105 seedling trees in a well-cared grove in Orange county will serve to illustrate the point of varying productivity:

Five trees produced from 0 to 25 pounds.
Seventeen trees produced from 26 to 50 pounds.
Thirty trees produced from 51 to 75 pounds.
Twenty-four trees produced from 76 to 100 pounds.
Twelve trees produced from 101 to 125 pounds.
Five trees produced from 126 to 150 pounds.
Three trees produced from 151 to 175 pounds.
Three trees produced from 176 to 200 pounds.
Three trees produced from 201 to 225 pounds.
Total number of trees 105.
The average tree's production in this grove was 84 pounds, or 128 pounds per acre. The twenty-two trees which produced from 0 to 50 pounds took up practically as much room and competed with the heavy producers for moisture, plant food and light, yet they were not producing enough to pay the interest and taxes on the land they occupied. The removal of such light yielders would give more root and air space to the profitable trees and doubtless increase their productivity, but of course

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DELINQUENT NOTICE.

Office of the Irwindale Orange Growers' Association, principal place of business, Irwindale (mailing address, Covina), Los Angeles county, state of California.

There are delinquent on the following described stock on account of an assessment No. 3, levied on December 19th, 1916, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows:

	Cert.	Shrs.	Amt.
Mrs. L. Baughman, est.	3	5	\$4.50
J. H. Baughman	4	7	6.30
L. D. Woodworth	24	5	4.50
L. H. Root	18	5	4.50
R. S. Edgar	10	5	4.50
W. C. Woodworth	25	2	1.80
Sitton and McClellan	20	6	5.40

And in accordance with law and an order of the board of directors made on the 19th day of December, 1916, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the company at the residence of H. C. Eckermann, in Irwindale, California, on the 26th day of February, at 8 o'clock a.m. of said day, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expense of sale.

H. C. ECKERMANN, Secretary.
Irwindale, Cal., January 30th, 1917. 2-23

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Covina Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the directors, held on the seventh day of February, 1917, an assessment (No. 73) of 100 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock (as increased October 22nd, 1886) of the above named corporation, payable immediately to the secretary at the office of the company at Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid upon the 12th day of March, 1917, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 31st day of March, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Covina, Cal., Feb. 7, 1917.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Columbia Land & Water Company will be held at the K. of P. Hall, northwest corner of Baddillo and Citrus avenues, Covina, at the hour of 2 p.m., Monday, March 5th, 1917, for the purpose of electing a board or directors of the Columbia Land & Water Company to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

LUCY M. MATTHEWS,
3-3 Secretary.

more than one year's record should be kept before the light yielders are condemned as some may prove to be alternate bearers and may partially redeem themselves the coming year. The average production for a period of years should be the guide in eliminating the drone trees. This subject may seem somewhat apart from varieties and cultural methods, but it is a matter which is becoming more and more worthy of the serious consideration of the owners of old seedling groves.

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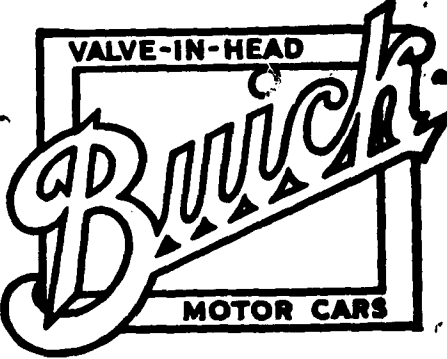
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FROM JOB TO JOB AROUND THE WORLD

By Alfred C. B. Fletcher.

CHAPTER XV.

We spent the morning crawling across the Plain of Esdraelon, and about noon began ascending the hill to Nazareth. It was a long, winding climb, over a difficult road. Nazareth is situated on a sort of plateau. It is a town of about ten thousand people, and has several substantial school buildings and hospitals erected by various churches. Here are found many places venerated for their Biblical associations. The Church of the Annunciation is supposed to be erected on the site of Mary's house and the scene of the Annunciation. The Latin church in the Moslem quarter of the town has possession of the "Workshop of Joseph" and the "Table of Christ," at which he dined with his disciples before and after the resurrection. The Mount of Precipitation, where the people sought to cast Christ down, is plainly visible from Nazareth; there is a Latin church on its summit.

We left Nazareth at four o'clock in the morning, recrossed the Plain of Esdraelon, and arrived at Afuleh, where we missed our train—the only one for that day—for Damascus. Turkish trains run on peculiar schedules. This train was supposed to leave Haifa for Damascus each day at sunrise. Occasionally the conductor, or some other official, decided to start an hour or more earlier, and this was done without any notice to the public. Something of the kind had evidently happened on the morning we tried to catch the train, for though we arrived at Afuleh in good time, we found the train had gone.

Having dismissed our guide, who returned to Jerusalem with the two horses and pack-mule, we sat down to contemplate the position. It looked as though we were doomed to spend a day and night at Afuleh, which consisted merely of a station and native shop. A Syrian lace merchant and a young New York Jew, a commercial traveller, were also left behind. In our dilemma we telegraphed to the director of the railroad and obtained his permission to go by freight train to Damascus. We declined to take advantage of this concession, however, when the freight conductor consented to an open car exposed to a steady downpour of rain.

We spent the day walking the sleepers in front of the station, and went to Haifa for the night on the train that arrived from Damascus late in the afternoon. We had landed in Haifa when we first set foot in Palestine, and our second coming completed a small circuit. The next day we took the train that leaves at sunrise for Damascus. The only thing a Turkish train has to offer in the way of accommodation is plenty of time. It hasn't a single convenience I can think of. I actually saw one train stop to allow two ducks to cross the track! A conductor threatened to thrash me because I made fun of his little engine and cars by running backwards beside his train and winning the race to the station.

The Sea of Galilee is a glassy, stagnant-looking body of water, and when we saw it, was as calm as a plate of soup. It was so peaceful that one could hardly realize that it was capable of the storms described in the Bible; I was told, however, that these storms still occur. The River Jordan, which looks like a Southern California "wash" in winter, has its source in the sea. Richardson and I walked down to the banks of the swift-rushing little stream and filled a bottle with a sample of its water. This fluid looks and tastes like any other water, but I have done nothing but give portions of my sample away ever since.

Beyond the Jordan the railroad crosses a vast plain which produces nothing but rocks. I don't think I ever saw so many boulders before. I didn't see a suggestion of vegetation or a sign of life in the entire distance from the Jordan to Damascus. We travelled across this weary expanse with a Greek priest who spoke English, and a female missionary of the Church of England who had spent many years of her life in a village east of the Jordan.

Damascus is the oldest city in the world, and possesses over half a million inhabitants. It is famous for its picturesque markets and bazaars, to which come all the products of the interior of Syria. Richardson and I took in the sights of this city without a guide, as was our custom. The Rev. Mr. Hanamar, of the English church, told us how to get about most profitably. We walked the length of the "Street Called Straight." If it were not for the fact that everyone who sees this street makes the same remark, I would here state that it is not straight. However, it is a very interesting thoroughfare. With its wooden roof, its hundreds of picturesque shops, and its hordes of humanity, it is unique among the streets of the world.

The Great Mosque, which at one time was a Christian church, is said to contain the head of St. John the Baptist. It is interesting to note that the Mos-

lems have allowed the following inscription to remain on the walls of the Great Mosque: "Thy kingdom, O Christ, is a kingdom of all ages, and thy dominion lasts throughout all generations."

Our train from Damascus to Beirut travelled at the rate of six miles an hour. A man can nearly beat this walking. Out of justice to it, however, I should say that in a distance of eighty miles we had to rise three thousand feet to the ridge of the Lebanon mountains. From the summit of these mountains a beautiful picture was spread before us. Directly beneath us was Beirut, its houses crowded in among the jungle of trees, and stretching out beyond the horizon was the expanse of the white-capped Mediterranean. Bobbing up and down on the waves was a small steamer flying the Stars and Stripes. It was the first American Richardson and I had seen since we had left Manila, and we decided to investigate it on our arrival in Beirut.

The Syrian lace merchant whom we met at Afuleh while waiting for our train entertained us at dinner. After the meal we drank several cups of muddy-looking Turkish coffee, with an inch of sediment in the bottom of the cup, and smoked a narghile, or bubble-pipe. From our Syrian friend we learned that the little steamer with the American flag was the Virginia, of the Archipelago-American Steamship Company. This concern was incorporated under the laws of the United States and carried the Stars and Stripes, although its capital and management were largely Greek. This arrangement was designed to serve as a means of protection against Turkey.

Richardson and I concluded that here was our chance for a free ride. We would go to the steamship company's office, announce that we were Americans, act like important personages, and demand passage to Constantinople. "When does the Virginia leave for Constantinople?" I asked the man in the company's office after introducing Richardson and myself.

"In a few days—as soon as her cargo is loaded. She doesn't run on any schedule," was his reply.

"Mr. Richardson and I are studying conditions in Syria for an American newspaper syndicate, and we want to get passage on your boat to Constantinople," I told him. "We are paying special attention to the commerce and shipping of this section of the world, and we wish to make a favorable report. We notice that your steamer flies the American flag."

There had been considerable criticism of the policy of permitting foreign concerns such as the Archipelago-American Steamship Company to fly American colors on their ships. The officials of the company were aware of this, and when we talked about newspapers they no doubt imagined we might use their company as an example in our writings.

"But the Virginia is only a freight boat. She hasn't any accommodations for passengers," objected the shipping man.

"We can put up with the crew," interrupted Richardson. "In fact, we would rather travel in that way; we can get the sailor's point of view."

"Can you drop in again this afternoon? I will see what I can do," the official concluded, after a moment's reflection.

"Rich, if we don't land that boat I will walk there!" I said, as we sauntered along the waterfront from the steamship office.

Two nights later we were nicely settled in a state-room on the Virginia, adjoining the captain's. It was one of the most comfortable cabins we had been in. Across the way was a young Greek governess, a friend of the skipper's. She was also getting a free ride to Constantinople.

The scheduled time for the regular passenger steamers from Beirut to Constantinople is three days. The little Virginia see-sawed up and down the coast of Asia Minor, discharging and taking on freight, for two weeks. Richardson and I didn't care if it took six months.

We anchored off the shore of Tripoli, but were unable to land on account of the city being under quarantine for cholera. The little steamer continued on to Alexandretta. Richardson and I went ashore here and wandered in and out among the markets. It is a town of thirty thousand people, and possesses nothing of extraordinary interest.

The Virginia next received orders to go to Bayas, a small port to the north, for several thousand boxes of oranges to be brought to Alexandretta. Morning found us off the coast of Bayas. During the day a number of Greeks with their wives and daughters came on board. They were orange growers of Syria. Their presence meant jam for breakfast, a delicacy we didn't otherwise get. Richardson nearly disgraced America by the amount he ate. The

steamer returned to Alexandretta that evening and discharged her cargo of fruit.

Mersina, a city of about fifty thousand people, was the next place on our itinerary. The night's trip proved a rough one. A strong wind stirred up a very heavy sea, and the little boat was tossed about tremendously. The waves broke over the ship, and water mysteriously came into our cabin, in spite of the fact that the portholes were securely closed. It was one of the wettest nights of my life; it seemed as if everything was literally swimming. The water was a foot deep in our state-room in the morning, and Richardson and I waded out of the cabin and dressed in the saloon.

During the following night the steamer put into Rhodes. Much to our regret, we were off before morning, and there was no opportunity to land. A short stop was made at Khios, a small town on an island of the same name off the coast of Asia Minor.

Next day we steamed into the beautiful bay of Smyrna, with the city clinging snugly to a hundred hills, clothed in a garment of evergreen. Every section of the world seems to have its Paris, and Smyrna is the Paris of the Near East. There are many French people among its half-million inhabitants, and the city is gay with cafes, theatres and places of amusement. We only had a short time to go about while the steamer discharged a small consignment of freight.

Two hundred Turks were driven up the gangway to go as deck passengers to Dedeagatch, a little seaport in Southern Turkey. It was a motley crowd of human freight that huddled in bunches on the forward deck. The men, with red fezzes or soiled turbans and unkempt, straggly beards, were an unattractive lot. The women, with their veiled faces and black dresses covering shapeless figures, didn't look like human beings at all; they had the appearance of walking pyramids.

As Richardson and I wandered the deck the women would turn their faces or quickly veil themselves. It is modest, they think, to expose their faces to a man, and especially to a foreigner.

Life on the Virginia was now getting rather monotonous; we had little to do, and time began to drag. We had read all the books on board, and the steamer didn't remain at the various ports long enough for us to acquaint ourselves with the towns and cities, still less with the commerce and shipping interests of the country. We looked forward to Constantinople and some diversity.

We only remained at Dedeagatch a sufficient time to dump our human cargo of Turks, and then set out for Constantinople. We sailed through the Hellespont, passed into the Dardanelles, steamed across the Sea of Marmora, and finally entered the Bosphorus.

Two weeks of the Greek freighter were quite enough for us, and Richardson and I rejoiced to see the picturesque skyline of Constantinople come into view. We made short work of getting ashore as soon as the anchor was dropped, and in a few minutes were on a local steamer going up the Bosphorus on our way to Roberts college, the famous American institution, where we were to be the guests of friends of Richardson's. Here we received a real welcome and once more began living the civilized life.

It was now many months since we had left Manila and a job; and our exchequers, in spite of the economical methods of travel we had consistently pursued, were being slowly depleted. However, as near as can be recalled, we still had about two hundred and fifty dollars each, and although this sum is a mere joke when compared with the distance we were from home—well, a man is not "broke" until he is broke. We decided that if it were possible we would get jobs in Constantinople during our stay there.

Looking for work in Europe is a very different thing from such a quest in the Orient. Indeed, we soon found that as a whole travel in Europe was far different and in many ways less interesting than in the Far East. Europe is the beaten path; the inhabitants of every country are carefully organized and seem to lie in wait to separate the tourist from his coin. The traveller's program is all cut and dried, and everything is carried out on the lines of personally-conducted sightseeing tours. Jobs are scarce, and the few obtainable yield very small wages. The conventional character of European travel strips the pastime of two-thirds of its charm, for experiences such as one encounters daily in the more or less primitive countries of the Orient are not to be met with in Europe. Civilization, with its comforts and conveniences, eliminates the possibilities of adventure, and the traveller, whether rich or poor, usually deteriorates into a bored and bleary-eyed sight-seeing machine.

SEEKING WORK AGAIN.

After a couple of days' rest we set out to find jobs. We invaded Stamboul, Galata, Pera, and Scutari; we also called on the American consul, several large foreign mercantile houses, and a number of educational institutions. In nearly every instance we were dismissed with a laugh, but at last Roberts college came to our rescue. Richardson

was given the work of doing electric wiring in one of the college buildings at two dollars a day; out of this he had to board and lodge himself. The best I could do was to become assistant instructor in physical culture in the gymnasium—at thirty-five dollars a month, and out of this princely sum I had to pay for my board, clothes, and lodging, in addition to providing for the many and sundry wants of an American in a strange land.

Richardson decided to accept and I to reject our respective billets. I concluded that I would rather starve moving than while stationary. We accordingly agreed to separate—Richardson to remain in Constantinople for a couple of months and I to continue on alone. We were to meet later in London. Before our separation we made a systematic and tourist-like conquest of beautiful Constantinople. We went up the Bosphorus and travelled in circles on the Black Sea, we explored the interesting but backward city itself, and finally came to the Mosque of San Sophia. Here I took leave of my friend and we agreed to meet in London in a few months' time and cross the Atlantic to America together.

I mapped out no itinerary; my plan was simply to travel through Europe. First of all, I decided to go from Constantinople to Greece. The first-class fare to Athens was eighty francs. At this rate my supply of coin would not last long, and I knew I could do the journey more cheaply than that. Accordingly, I visited several steamship offices along the water-front.

Accompanied by a Greek as an interpreter I entered a dingy little office.

"When does the next boat leave for the Piraeus?" I inquired of a man in uniform behind a counter.

"Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock," was the reply.

"What is the fare?" I asked.

"Thirty francs," was the response.

"That's too much," I said, starting to walk away.

"What will you give?" asked the steamship company official.

"Five francs," I uttered, smothering a smile at the smallness of the amount.

"All right," agreed the officer—and I bought my ticket at once, in case he changed his mind. I was so astonished that I could hardly dig up the money fast enough. As I left the little office I concluded that my luck had not left me on setting foot in Europe. I shipped my suit-case direct to England, deciding

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As my boat did not leave until morning I now had the evening in which to stir up some excitement, and I wandered along the streets of Constantinople ready to welcome anyone or anything that came my way. Presently a sign "American Bar" greeted my eyes, and in I went, thinking that English would be spoken there and that I might find a companion of some sort. I discovered, however, that French was the only means of communication, but presently a man entered the place who knew a smattering of English.

"Where can I find a little excitement this evening?" I asked him.

"There is nothing going on tonight except at the Paris cafe," he replied.

"What takes place there?"

"There is music, a theater, pretty women, and plenty to eat and drink."

"Where is this cafe, and how do I get there?" I asked, determined to investigate the establishment.

"The proprietor will be here in a moment and you can go with him."

In a few moments a sleek-looking Frenchman arrived and was introduced, and in a second I was off with him in a closed carriage for the Paris cafe. We rode on for an hour. It was nine o'clock in the evening. The Frenchman couldn't speak a word of English, and I began to think that I was up against a knock-down and drag-out game. I decided to see the business through, however, and discover what sort of place this Paris cafe was. Finally, the carriage came to a stop and we alighted in front of a small house, brightly illuminated, from which sounded a babble of laughter. There was not another house to be seen; from the appearance of the landscape we might have been in the midst of an American prairie.

My French companion and I entered the house, where I reluctantly paid the equivalent of one dollar admittance. On entering, the Frenchman was lost in the crowd and I was left to find my own way. I seated myself at a table at one end of the large room, ordered a drink, and proceeded to take in my sur-

roundings. A dozen or more tables, with six or eight people sitting at each, occupied half of the hall, a highly polished floor for dancing took up the other half, and at one end was a stage on which a succession of women executed a series of dances, while the crowd cheered and applauded.

I sat at my table unnoticed for fully an hour, and then a woman advanced and in broken English, supplemented with fragments of French, invited me to join her party in some refreshments in an adjacent room. I accepted, for I thought I could take care of myself, and I had decided to investigate the place to the limit. I joined a select party of eight men and women. Liquor began to flow freely, and all of them were very solicitous that I should drink my fill. Being suspicious of the whole proceeding, however, I decided to drink nothing. I had fears of being drugged, robbed, and thrown out into an alley to spend the night.

AN EXCITING SCRIMMAGE.

My fears, as it turned out, were well founded. The gang became more and more intoxicated, and at last they reached the point where they evidently thought I was ripe to pluck. Two of them proceeded to attempt to separate me forcibly from my money. It would have been a fruitless effort if I had allowed it to proceed to its consummation, for I had left all my coin, with the exception of a small amount, in my hand-bag at the steamship office. My assailants plunged towards me like tigers. They were so drunk that they were helpless, and I handled them like a pair of twin punching-bags. Then I quitted the room—and the Paris cafe—leaving one man stretched out so flat that he looked like an inlaid design on the floor, while his partner was propped up against the side of the room.

After this clean-up, leaving the habitués staring at me aghast, I calmly walked out of the place, ordered a hack, drove to town, put up at a little Greek hotel, and had a good night's sleep. That was my solitary experience of the "night life" of Constantinople.

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EDITORIAL

GENERAL FUNSTON.

There can be no doubt but that the sudden death of General Funston this week will have a crippling effect temporarily on the campaign in the southern district of the United States. His death at this time is probably more serious than as if we were actually at war.

Few civilians have realized the big-ness of General Funston, knowing him merely by heresay as a major-general, seeing his name mentioned frequently of late in the dispatches. With the exception of General Leonard Wood, Funston was the most useful officer the United States had in the field.

Bureaucracy in Washington, not only under the present administration, but at all times, has always made the life of an army officer an unpleasant and difficult one, especially in times of crisis. The desire of politicians to meddle with what they do not understand has always been a national failing that has been the result of our loose and careless democracy. The position of a division commandery in the United States is more difficult and more irritating than in other big nations of the world.

Funston had the task of directing the Pershing campaign into Mexico, and he was seriously handicapped by the ease with which telegrams and aerograms could come from the political bureaucrats at Washington. He was entirely responsible for the distribution and use of the national guard on the Mexican border. He commanded 141,000 of these raw civilian troops, and it is to his lasting credit that he actually made something like an army out of them. That he did not make the national guard into a splendid army was neither the fault of Funston or the rank and file of the national guard.

General Funston is dead at the age of 52 years, and his death was brought about by overwork and irritation caused by the unpreparedness of the United States. He was the first important, outstanding victim of this country's unpreparedness. Perhaps the day may come in this country when an officer in command of a military contingent will not be worried into his grave by conflicting orders from a political bureaucracy.

NO DOUBT OF IT.

A conductor who has been running cars on the Covina line for five years said to the editor the other day that he has not had such heavy loads as he is now carrying since 1911. Everyone is noticing that there is more business activity in Southern California. The streets of all the small towns in this section look vastly different than they did three years ago, or even a year ago. More business is being done—people are coming out of the depression which has been evident over the country for several years. Los Angeles city is crowded all the time. It is getting hard to make one's way around that hustling, growing city. Los Angeles city, in 1852, was a pueblo of not more than one hundred cheap adobe buildings. In the sixty-five years since then it has grown to an assessed valuation of over six hundred millions.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Covina union high school buildings have reached a time when they are crowded, and something should be done to make more room. But it must not be forgotten that our grammar school buildings are inadequate and obsolete in type, uncomfortable and dangerous. If the people decide to improve their school equipment, they should consolidate the two issues, and vote them at the same time. In both cases the action must be taken soon, and nothing will be gained by taking up the questions separately.

RAIN FOR THE GRAIN.

It means much to the Southern California grain ranchers that we have had a gentle rain the past week. Grain-raising is largely a gamble. Grain rests on whether rain comes after the seed has been put in, and whether it comes just at the right time. The grain men in this vicinity say that the rain could not have come at a better time.

ORANGE DAY.

Orange Day is 40 per cent sentiment and 60 per cent selfishness. It's celebration should be of interest to every man, woman and child in California. Every grower should make a personal appeal for the celebration of California Orange Day by writing eastern friends. Those who are seeking to advertise Southern California would do well to consider California Orange Day as a valuable medium. In the east, California's oranges are her best advertisers. It is conservatively estimated that the state of California sends east \$70,000,000 for automobiles and motor trucks every year. The state has the citrus industry to thank for bringing back \$45,000,000 of that amount. Is Orange Day worth boosting?—Sunkist Courier.

SEASON'S RAINFALL TOTAL BOOSTED BY WEEK'S STORM

Rainfall for the past week, up to Thursday noon.

Feb. 17		.78
Feb. 18		.29
Feb. 19		.15
Feb. 20		.14
Feb. 21		.84
Feb. 22		1.30

Total for week, 3.50 inches.

Total for season, 14.60 inches.

Records from rain gauge of Captain N. D. Mussey.

Since last Friday night Southern California has been the center of an almost continuous rain storm, which has come so gently, however, that there has been practically no run-off. The total for the six days' rain is 3.50 inches.

Coming just at this time, this big precipitation is of great benefit to the hay and grain men, as well as orchardists. In another few weeks the orange growers will be ready to plow under their cover crops, and sufficient moisture has been supplied to make conditions perfect for getting the land in shape.

The season's total of 14.60 inches is well above the average. On account of nearly all the rains being gentle, the maximum amount of water has been retained.

SPRING OPENING OF MILLINERY

Miss Sara Reckard of Covina announces the regular spring opening of a beautiful lot of trimmed hats, including the "Gage," also the "Gold Medal" hats, on March the 2nd and 3rd, same days as the high school play. A cordial invitation is extended to all to call and inspect goods.

FIELD HANDLING IMPORTANT IN DECAY CONTROL PROBLEM

"One of the most encouraging facts in the decay problem is that some growers under exceptionally adverse conditions have been able to almost eliminate decay in their shipments to market," said Mr. G. Harold Powell, general manager of the California Fruit Exchange. It was Mr. Powell, who, with his associates in the department of agriculture, first threw the searchlight on the fundamental causes for decay at a time when actual losses from this source ranged from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 annually. Mr. Powell, who has known the decay problem intimately for fourteen years, is authority for the statement that the striking examples of decay prevention have been attained without extra cost to the owners of the affected crop.

"The common soft-rot of citrus fruits," says Mr. Powell, "is usually caused by molds that gain entrance through abrasions in the skin or when the fruit is physiologically weakened. An unbroken skin is resistant to these fungi, but when the skin is broken the decay develops rapidly if there are present enough moisture and heat to germinate the fungi spores and start their growth."

"In citrus fruits the abrasions may vary from five to seventy-five per cent and cause a corresponding loss when the fruit arrives at market in bad condition. These abrasions are caused by the clippers in cutting fruit from the tree, punctures from stems that have been cut too long, by gravel in the picking boxes, or twigs in the sacks, by the finger nails of the pickers, and by various factors in the picking house."

Old Citrus Trees Need Heavy Cutting

Covina Pruner Gives Reasons For His Methods of Heavy Cutting of Orange and Lemon Trees—Orchards So Treated Recover From Diseased Conditions or Frost Injury.

(By H. Y. Stephens, Covina, in California Citrograph.)

Orange trees after they are fifteen years old, begin to need rebuilding, and this, in most cases, means heavy cutting. No tree, especially when a great deal is expected of it, can last forever. In one direction or another its fruit-bearing power begins to grow less. Put in another way, it begins to show signs of wear, and certain parts become worn out before other parts. It is time then to get rid of the limbs which have done their work, so that the others may be benefited. An old proverb says, "It is no use trifling with the wound which calls for the knife." A time comes to all our orange trees when they call for serious treatment, which I call heavy cutting; sometimes on account of age, sometimes because of injury, frost, etc., etc. When that time comes mere light pruning, cutting out brush, shaping the tree up, is only spending time and money for nothing.

Sometimes you see a tree which is pretty good to look at, and which is bearing a good crop, but of undersized fruit. Here you have a tree which is carrying too much old wood, or too much wood for the roots to feed properly. For such a tree, heavy cutting is the only thing. I may add, while I think of it, that by proper pruning of your orchard you will not be wasting your fertilizer. I might also say here that you can reduce the area of a tree by as much as a third, and still have as much fruit, and much finer fruit, on the inside growth which your cutting will bring out.

Now, the first thing in heavy-cutting a tree is to cut, as a rule, to a crotch, such of the main limbs as may be necessary, so that there may be plenty of room for the remainder, which will then have the benefit of the full sap stream of the tree. Remember, the weaker a tree is, the fewer the limbs it is able to properly support, but if once a healthy growth can be started, even from only one limb, good results may be looked for.

Next, cut out branches, perhaps good fruit-bearing branches, which lie right down on the top of others, so as to smother them.

The last thing to do is to cut out the weak green growth; that is to say, wood which has gotten to a stage when, if it does bear an orange, it will be a cull. Such growth can never bear anything but culls. Always cut the undergrowth, and back to a crotch, which prevents suckering.

By pruning a tree in the way I have tried to describe, you will give plenty of room for all the branches to ride free and easy; and you will be letting the sunlight in so as to bring out a young growth of fruit spurs, of from two to six inches long, all through the tree. Such spurs will carry from one to three oranges each. This inside fruit will be better in size, smoother, prettier and better to sell than the outside fruit. Inside Valencia's bring at least 20 cents a box more than outside, so that even if a tree should cost as much as \$1 to prune, the extra fruit of extra quality will very quickly put the outlay back in the grower's pocket.

I would like to say a word about heavy cutting for frost injury. Those who heavy-cut their trees after the 1913 frost had a good recovery. The trees made lots of new growth, and bore a fair crop the next year. Many orchards which were not then cut heavily, and have not been cut since, have never as yet carried anything of a crop, and are surely and steadily going backward. I cut a 20-year-old lemon grove in May, 1913, three months after the frost; the crop was destroyed, the bark of many trees was split, and main limbs were killed clear back. I certainly cut those trees heavily, and was blamed by many for cutting as I did, but the first crop—about 18 months later—ran close to 12 boxes a tree, and a big percentage was best grade fruit as well. Trees, of course, should not be cut too soon after a frost, but when you can plainly see how far back the limbs are killed, and then you must be sure to cut back to live wood.

To prove the real value of heavy cutting, all you need do is have an experienced man go into a grove, and cut, say, three rows in this way, and do only light pruning on the rest. When crop time comes the fruit on those three rows will surely please you.

Here, then, I have tried to put down my heavy-cutting notions as plainly as possible, but I wouldn't like anyone to go into his orchard and start in to prune from the brief description of a job that sounds simpler than it is.

I've seen folks look scared when they saw a tree which had been heavily cut, but I've noticed that they carried a different sort of look when they saw the fruit on the tree a year later.

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Twenty Years Ago

(Taken from files of the Covina Argus.)

C. W. Potter, who, on account of ill-health, retired from business for a time, renting his shop to W. C. Hirsch, has decided to resume business.

T. F. Griswold shipped a 115-pound keg of California dried fruits to his brother-in-law in Wisconsin last Tuesday.

The musical and literary entertainment given under the auspices of the Epworth League at the Methodist church last evening was the best ever.

During the first part of the week Covina experienced some of the coldest weather that has been known in some years. A fire was necessary during the early hours of the morning, but on Wednesday a change was perceptible and we are again enjoying typical Southern California weather. On Saturday last for about ten minutes snow fell in our streets.

The regular meeting of the C. W. B. M. was held in the parlors of the Christian church last Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Laura Franklin entertained the following guests at a social dance last Saturday evening: Misses Nellie Garrison, Lennie Hamner, Ida Hamner, Angie Griswold, Bessie Vincent, Lucy Matthews, Alice Cook, and Ida Baker; Messrs. Lloyd Garrison, William Bridleman, Carl Clapp, J. L. Matthews, Phil Clapp, Arthur Clapp, Ed Goodnight, Ed Herron, Frank Bisbee, Ed Benson, and Asper Baker.

ONE HUNDRED-MILE RACE FOR ASCOT SPEEDWAY

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—The 1917 auto race season will open at Ascot speedway here next Sunday afternoon with twelve of the fastest cars in the west entered in the George Washington sweepstakes, for which a prize of five thousand dollars has been hung up.

Four millionaires will either drive or have entered cars in the big 100-mile race. The total wealth of these four money kings is said to exceed seventy-five million dollars. John Bolling, Tulsa, Oklahoma, millionaire, will drive a new Mercer speed car. Joseph Boyer, Jr., Detroit millionaire, will drive his new Frontenac racing car. The car represents the cream of American racing design and was constructed to the specifications of Louis Chevrolet.

The Newman Special is another entry of a millionaire. Fred Newman, Oklahoma cattleman of great wealth, has chosen Billy Taylor to drive his car. The fourth millionaire is Billy Weightman. This skillful driver will not appear in this race, but several of his teammates will handle his cars.

CONSTANCE BALFOUR IN SACRED CONCERT SUNDAY

The Schubert Club Municipal concert on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25, at Trinity Auditorium, will be given by Constance Balfour, assisted by Mabel Channell, pianist; Harold Proctor, tenor; Menotti Frascina, baritone; the Philharmonic male quartet, consisting of Harold Proctor, Sheldon Ballinger, Harold Ostrom, and Dr. J. Lester Adams. Will Garraway will act as pianist. Among the numbers will be the duet from Pugnani, the Miserere from Il Trovatore, and the trio finale from Faust.

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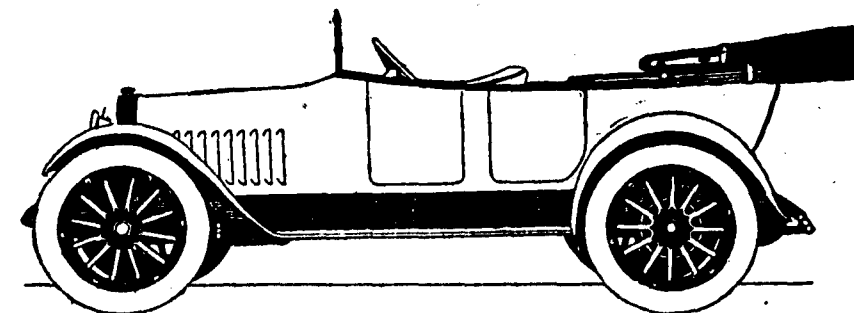
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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Mrs. Newlan Conkling arrived in Covina last Friday morning from Carrollton, Mo., to spend six weeks or two months with her mother, Mrs. G. J. Reynolds, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Custer and sons, Mark and Clyde, went to Redlands on Monday, looking over the Redlands university of that place.

Mr. Harry Damerel is a recent purchaser of a King "8" touring car from the local agent, E. G. Hotchkiss.

I. G. Reynolds, the local Buick distributor, delivered a Buick light six touring car this week to Mr. Frank Mitchell.

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P. E. Doughty, Dodge car agent, reports the sale of cars to C. B. Lane, Glendora, Robert Edgar, Baldwin Park, A. J. Wilkins and E. M. Bosworth of Covina.

The Woodmen of the World entertained last Friday evening with a dancing party in their lodge rooms.

Mrs. W. J. Nash is entertaining this afternoon with a silver tea for the Lyric club.

Mrs. James K. Hedges, who underwent an operation at the Pomona hospital this week, is reported by her physician, Dr. G. K. Abbott, as improving rapidly.

Hear the illustrated address on "The Land Where Jesus Lived" at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, by Mr. Cameron Johnson, world traveler. Tuesday evening Mr. Johnson will give an illustrated lecture on Korea. The public is invited.

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Mrs. Henry L. Marshall is rapidly recovering from an operation performed recently at the Pomona hospital, and is now visiting her sister, Miss Olive Howard, in Hollywood.

Word has been received from Mrs. D. J. Driscoll, who joined her husband at the Coalinga oil fields. Mrs. Driscoll is the daughter of Judge Clarke of Covina, and lived here for several years while her husband was employed in the pioneer oil country. They have established themselves in a comfortable home in Coalinga. The older children will remain in Covina with Mrs. McCall on Italia street until the end of the school term.

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Mrs. G. D. Jennings and daughter, Carolyn, will attend the grand opera "La Boheme" in Los Angeles Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lena Russell and little daughter of Los Angeles were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cops.

Mrs. Susie Bishop, who makes her home with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berman, is seriously ill this week.

Mr. J. B. Coulston of Altadena was a guest last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. Book.

Mrs. H. M. Friedman of Los Angeles was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Coltrin Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sawyer entertained at dinner last Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Coltrin, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coltrin, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Coltrin, Miss Helen Jackson, and Mr. Ray Coltrin.

The Philomathean class of the Methodist church plan to entertain the Barnea class with an entertainment and party next Tuesday evening in the church parlors.

Mr. Raymond Porter of Minneapolis has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gail and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Merickel and little son of Los Angeles spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Gilett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beardsley were recently presented with a new Ford touring car by the former's father, Mr. C. S. Beardsley.

Robert A. Turnbull, a cameraman of some prominence during the trouble in Mexico, who has just returned from a trip to Central America, was a guest of C. W. Tucker last Thursday.

Miss Florence Taylor of Irwindale, Miss Vernie Johnson of Charter Oak, Mr. Robert Manning of Azusa were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Kring and family.

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Mrs. C. A. Leighton entertained four young men at dinner Thursday evening in honor of the birthday of her son, Wesley.

Mrs. M. M. Hotchkiss of Hollywood has been a guest for the past week at the home of her father, Captain N. D. Mussey of Wet Badillo street.

Mrs. B. S. Gowen, who has been quite ill the past week with la. grippe, is improving.

Mrs. L. H. Harris has been confined to her bed the past week by illness.

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C. W. Raymond, traveling auditor of the Southern Pacific, was in Covina Saturday and Monday auditing the books of the local office.

Mrs. E. Unger and Mr. George Semler attended a reception in Pomona last Tuesday evening, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Motts, the former a nephew of Mr. Semler, who were recently married.

"Are the People of the West as Friendly as They Were and Are Back Home?" subject on Sunday evening at the First Baptist church. Join the great company of young people who attend the church. Mrs. Catherwood sings a solo. Everybody welcome. It

Mrs. Merritt Pinckney of Chicago, who is at present in Los Angeles, was a guest of Mrs. C. A. Leighton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Pierce spent last Sunday with Long Beach friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Pierce of Baldwin Park were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Pierce.

Mrs. W. R. Gatten of Azusa was a guest Thursday and Friday of Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thomason entertained Miss Meeks and Miss Dorothy Dukes at dinner Monday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Jones entertained the Covina-Glendora Bridge Club Thursday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howard and Mrs. M. A. Cooper of Denver have been guests the past ten days of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cliford.

Mrs. A. T. Atwater and daughter, Miss Margaret, and Miss Anna Platenburg of Los Angeles will be the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leighton.

Birthday and Family Reunion of H. M. Houser Family

A family reunion was held Tuesday in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Frank Houser, Mrs. John Koch, and Mr. H. M. Houser at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houser. A bounteous dinner was served at noon, to which fifteen were seated. They included Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Houser, Miss Vernie Houser, Mr. and Mrs. John Koch and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mace, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houser, and Mr. George Swartz.

John Houser Grows Tree Tomatoes

John O. Houser of West San Bernardino road brought several fine specimens of tree tomatoes into the Argus office this week. This is a red pear-shaped fruit, with the qualities of a tomato. It has a distinctive flavor. Mr. Houser has one of the few tomato trees in this section.

Los Angeles Club Woman Guest of Lindleys

Mrs. W. H. Anderson, wife of a prominent attorney of Los Angeles, whose home is in Venice, was a guest two days of this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lindley on Center street. Mrs. Anderson is a prominent woman in the women's clubs of the county, being president of the Venice woman's club, Los Angeles district chairman of political science, and vice-chairman of the American Red Cross Association. She is also a sister of Princess Lazarovich Hecheliovich of Serbia.

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Berean Class Business Meeting

The Berean class of the First Methodist church held its annual business meeting last Tuesday evening. Lunch was provided by members of the class, after which there was a business session. Reports from the various departments of the work were given, showing that there was a good degree of success along all lines. In addition to the regular work incident to the usual Sunday-school efforts, this class has widened the horizon of class efficiency and the members have taken upon themselves outside charitable enterprises, as well as assisting in several well-deserving propositions of a material nature, in the church. The class numbers about sixty, among whom are some of the most representative persons of the community. The ladies are organized, apart from the class, into a "Thimble Club" for mutual advantage and for definite charitable work. Mrs. W. C. Merwin is the president.

The following officers of the class were elected at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening: president, C. E. Paige; vice-president, P. W. Tulley; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Coolman; treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Welch. E. M. Bosworth, who has been for two years the efficient teacher, was re-elected. H. A. Miller, having served as president since the organization, declined to accept another term.

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Great National Crisis Discussed at Woman's Club

Mrs. Lou V. Chapin addressed the ladies of the Monday Afternoon Club this week on the subject of current events. She spoke first of the great national crisis—possible war between the United States and Germany. She spoke also of the bill before congress severely censoring the press; of the Burnett bill; and the enmity it has caused between Japan and the United States. In addition she touched upon economic conditions—the cause of the raise in the price of foodstuffs; and the part Wall street is taking in this world war. She told of the Cuban insurrection, and explained briefly some of the causes of this trouble, and the part the United States may be compelled to take; also of the blame that is attached to the United States for the revolution in India, when all blame should be laid to Japan. She favored the embargo on all foodstuffs and munitions to all warring nations, and gave well-founded reasons for all her statements.

Mrs. Chapin is a student of history and a well-known lecturer on current events, and she gave her talk in a convincing manner and was ready to answer any and all questions in the discussion that followed.

This is the second of three lectures Mrs. Chapin will give before the Monday Afternoon Club this year.

Following the current events discussion, Mrs. Mary Haines, who is instructor of the cooking school being held at the gas office this week, served delicious coffee and wafers.

The next meeting of the club is to be held Friday evening, Feb. 23rd, instead of Feb. 26th, and is in charge of the entertainment committee, who will present the girls' glee club of the University of Southern California in concert.

The next afternoon meeting will be March 5th, and is the regular social and business meeting.

Christian Endeavor Valentine Social

About thirty young people spent a most enjoyable evening in the Presbyterian church parlors when the Christian Endeavor of that church entertained their friends at a Valentine social last Friday evening. Miss Louella Roberts, with a corps of assistants had the affair in charge and the guests were kept busy with games and guessing contests the prizes for which were won by Misses Ethel Fisher and Margaret Kaiser. Hearts and cupid were used in decoration as well as in the refreshments.

Seib Family Move to Santa Ana

Mr. and Mrs. George Seib have moved to Santa Ana to make their home. Mr. Seib recently purchased a well-established grocery business in that city and he and Mrs. Seib left last week to take charge of the business. The daughter, Miss Norma, will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. William Kohlmeier until the close of the school term in June, when she will graduate from the Charter Oak grammar school. Mr. Lester Seib will also remain in Covina until after his graduation from the high school in June, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dixon.

D. A. R. Colonial Dance

The colonial party given by the ladies of the Covina chapter, D. A. R., last Friday evening in the Woman's club-house, was a very pretty affair. The hostesses wore the attractive dress and powdered hair of colonial times, and dancing and cards were in order throughout the entire evening. Quantities of beautiful silk American flags, ropes of ivy, and other greenery adorned the walls and stage. Busch's orchestra from Los Angeles dispensed the music for the dancers. A cheery open fire warmed the parlors, where the card tables were set for those who did not care to dance. Mrs. H. N. Webber presided over the punch bowl; Mrs. W. W. Nash over the dancing; Mrs. William Warren, Mrs. William Crook over the card tables. Due credit is due, however, to the entire club of ladies for the success of the affair.

Miscellaneous Shower for Bride Elect

Miss Roxy Robinson was tendered a miscellaneous shower by the members of the Philathea class of the Baptist church, of which she is a member, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor on Orange avenue, their daughter, Miss Florence acting as hostess. Miss Robinson recently announced her engagement to Mr. Matthew Speer, the marriage to take place within the next week or ten days. The young people spent a most enjoyable evening with games in the spacious rooms of the Taylor home, and were served with dainty refreshments. The guest of honor was presented with quantities of beautiful and useful articles with which to start housekeeping. Among the guests were Misses Roxie Robinson, Susie Robinson, Myrtle Speer, Agnes Snodgrass, Vernie Johnson, Florence Taylor, Ethel Kendall, Mamie Mitchell, Elvora Sutton, Constance Sutton, Leora Kring; Messrs. Prather Bungle, Wilber Speer, Alpha Zimmer, Clyde Custer, Clyde Shorey, Burgess Sutton, Charles Zug, Carmel Kring and Matthew Speer.

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News of the Valley

WEST COVINA.

Former West Covina Girl Married in Los Angeles.

Miss Hattie Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Powell of Monmouth, formerly of West Covina, became the bride of Mr. Glen Andrus last Friday in Los Angeles. The couple was married in the presence of only the members of the families, and after a short honeymoon trip at the beaches, will return to Monmouth to make their home. Mr. Andrus is employed as superintendent of the Los Angeles Cement Company at that place. Miss Powell is well known among the younger set of this valley and was a leader in the social circle before her removal to the north.

Miss Ethel Reitz of Pasadena spent last week-end with her aunt and cousins, Mrs. Claire Ayers, and daughters.

Miss Louise Bunch, daughter of Mrs. T. C. Bunch, who is spending the winter in Bakersfield with an aunt, spent Wednesday with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans, and Mr. Ed Williams, all of Los Angeles, were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Seaman and family over last week-end.

Bonnie Silkwood of Long Beach, who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Seaman, has entered the West Covina grammar school.

Mrs. Jennie Powell of Covina has been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speer, Misses Anita and Pylil Speer, spent last week-end with Los Angeles friends.

Mrs. W. B. Hannah, who has been ill for some time, is again able to be up and around.

Remember the box social at the club house under the auspices of the Parent Teachers Association Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stinson entertained Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bishop and family of Los Angeles last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newton spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Hutchinson, in Pasadena.

Mrs. Paul Matthis has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Watts entertained the latter's sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Nichols of Pomona, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Alexander and daughter and Mrs. T. C. Bunch and daughter, Theo Dell, spent Sunday with friends in Pomona.

Miss Katherine Bogue spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Newton, in Ontario.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Bogue entertained their nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bogue of Los Angeles, Thursday.

Miss Vora Dancer recently underwent an operation on her throat and nose by Dr. G. K. Abbott, and is recovering nicely.

IRWINDALE.

Miscellaneous Club Holds Social Afternoon

The Miscellaneous Club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Goode, Arroyo Drive, Wednesday afternoon, and despite the rains there were twenty members and one guest present. A social afternoon was spent, the speaker, Miss Rice, being unable to be present. Refreshments of baked beans, brown bread, coffee, and doughnuts were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Philo, Mrs. Homer Hostetter, and Mrs. W. G. McCadden. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Thompson, the afternoon of March 6th. Miss Rice of the David and Margaret Home at Lordsburg, will address the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Riddleberger and little son of Banning were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Chamberlen.

Miss Mabel Chamberlen appeared on the program of an entertainment given in Banning last week-end, giving several Spanish songs and accompanying herself on the guitar.

Mrs. E. E. Washburn of South Pasadena is spending the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coffman.

Mrs. P. P. Harris is able to be up and around again after her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Olds of Los Angeles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor.

Carlton Brown, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown of Irwindale avenue, who was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday evening at the California hospital in Los Angeles, is slowly improving.

Mr. William Ritz is reported seriously ill at his home on San Bernardino road this week.

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CHARTER OAK.

Patriotic Party For Thimble Club

Mrs. Calvin Esterly entertained the ladies of the Charter Oak Thimble Club with a patriotic party Tuesday afternoon. The decorations were in the national colors, flags and flowers being used profusely. The dainty refreshments were also suggestive of Washington's birthday. Among those present were Mesdames C. P. Colver, Geo. Sohn, E. H. Sprague, William Kent, Clopine, Sr., Anderson, H. C. Maca, Groendyk, W. G. Smith, A. E. Montgomery, M. J. Hughes, and H. A. Porteous.

Mrs. M. M. White was called to Los Angeles the first of the week by the illness of her daughter, Miss Lena White.

Mrs. M. E. Clopine is recovering from her recent accident, at which time she sustained a broken wrist.

Miss M. Boyce of Redondo is visiting her niece, Mrs. William Kent, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Seib of Santa Ana and Miss Norma and Mr. Lester Seib of Covina were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Zug and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Fitch of Los Angeles were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stowell and family.

BALDWIN PARK.

Woman's Club Holds Sewing Meeting

Thursday afternoon of last week the Baldwin Park Woman's Club held a special meeting in the club-house, for the purpose of sewing for the Easter bazaar. The entire day was spent in making fancy and useful articles for sale at the fair to be held in April. At noon a picnic lunch was served. The next meeting of the club will be held this (Friday) afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. J. Shultis, Madame Thomas assisting. The affair will be a patriotic party, in celebration of Washington's birthday. National colors will be used in decoration and refreshments. A program of interest is promised in instrumental selections by Madame Thomas; vocal solos, Miss Josephine Shultis; patriotic readings, Mrs. Groves, and victrola selections.

Murphys Entertain at Cards

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murphy entertained last Saturday evening with a very enjoyable party. Cards and music and a daintily-served supper around a roaring open fire constituted the evening's entertainment. The living rooms were artistically decorated in the spring flowers, yellow being the predominating color. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Berry Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. James French, Dr. and Mrs. Raven, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McAnany, Misses Josephine and Virginia Turner, Miss Elizabeth Raven, Mr. David Edwards, all of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Van Antwerp of Baldwin Park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stoltz spent last week-end with eastern friends in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rix were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Eddy and family of Los Angeles.

Miss Fleming of Los Angeles was a week-end guest of Mrs. C. A. Lang. The ladies aid of the Methodist church entertained last evening with a patriotic party in honor of the birthday of George Washington.

SOLOMON McNEILL DIES AT LOS ANGELES HOME

Solomon McNeill, 78 years old, known to a large number of people in the Covina valley, where he lived from August 1909 to January 1912, died suddenly in Los Angeles on Thursday, February 15. The cause of his death was heart failure.

Mr. McNeill was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Austin Warner, and when in Covina made his home for some time at the Warner home. He was engaged in life insurance for years, and in this capacity became acquainted with a large number of people throughout this valley. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary A. McNeill, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. F. M. Fultz.

The funeral service was held Saturday at the home in Los Angeles, conducted by Rev. D. B. Looftorrow of the Highland Park Methodist church, and burial was made in Oakdale cemetery, Covina. Mr. McNeill was born in Akron, Ohio, but lived for thirty-five years in Burlington, Iowa, coming to California in 1906, since which time he lived at Long Beach, Covina and Los Angeles. Although the funeral was held privately, there were many expressions of sympathy received by relatives from the people who had known and respected the deceased during his active business life in this community.

Poultry Notes

By J. R. Henderson.

HATCHING POINTERS.

For heavy eggs (good hatching eggs) use wheat bran, green barley, and bone.

The chick draws a third of the lime from the shell to form its skeleton, therefore the egg-shell at hatching is a third lighter than when laid.

Always keep a part of the run moist, and have some grain buried in it. Scratching and dusting in moist earth is the hen's heaven.

It has been found by the dealers in day-old chicks that by mixing the grain and mash together, they lose far fewer birds.

At night, however, feed only grain to young stock, as mash is apt to sour in the crop when the bird is still and not getting any exercise.

A good thing to keep taking the larger chickens away from the crowd; the others then get a chance for a full meal in peace, especially the pullets and the weaker birds.

Chicks feather much faster and better for being put on perches as soon as possible; when crowded on the floor they sweat, and are slow at growing feather on the under-parts.

A chick drinks at least half of its water first thing in the morning; be sure that it has plenty of warmth at that time, when it has just filled itself up with the cold stuff.

A shell with a small depression at the pointed end never can be depended on to hatch.

A liberal and varied supply of shell and slaked lime is necessary; it gives a hen much more trouble to make the shell than to make the contents of the shell.

Evaporation must be prevented in the case of eggs for setting; they are best kept in a metal can, and covered. Eggs stood on their ends evaporate less, especially when exposed to the air.

Mash-fed hens should eat an ounce and a half of the food a day, in addition to the ordinary grain feed.

For hatchability of eggs nothing equals moist ground to scratch in and sprouted barley to pick up.

Sour milk invaluable for chicks; it cleanses the works as nothing else seems to. If too sour it should be mixed with 50 per cent of water.

BEAUTIFUL STORY TOLD IN "GOD'S HALF-ACRE"

Tomorrow night (Friday) at the Star theater there will be presented a film-play of more than usual human interest, with Mabel Taliaferro in the star role. "God's Half-Acre" is a play as beautiful as its name, and like some of the famous plays of the olden days, such as "The Old Homestead," and "The County Fair," it possesses an intermingling of pathos and comedy.

The story of "God's Half-Acre" is laid around "Rainbow's End," a home for aged persons. Miss Taliaferro, in the role of Blossom, a young servant, is called by the old folks, who fairly worship her, "The Angel of Rainbow's End." She endears herself to these old people in many ways, including the smuggling of extra bits of food and fruit to them despite the careful vigilance of the matron, who is known as "The Dragon."

How Blossom becomes the principal character in a novelist's book, when the writer comes in the home in search of local, wins his love after several wonderful experiences, equalling those of Cinderella, and marries him when certain obstacles are removed, forms a story of power and fascination.

Miss Taliaferro is supported by a cast that includes J. W. Johnston, Helen Dahl, Lorraine Frost, Miriam Hutchins, Daniel Jarrett, Richard Neill, John Smiley and other well-known stage and screen artists.

Another exceptionally strong program is presented on Saturday night, when Leonore Ulrich will appear in "The Intrigue." This is a modern story of the sale of munitions of war to the United States government.

Mrs. Dietz, owner and manager of the theater is delighted with the success of the new serial now running, entitled "Pearl of the Army." This stirring war story is drawing crowded houses every Monday and Tuesday nights.

WELL-KNOWN ORANGE GROWER PURCHASES FOURTH GROVE

B. A. Woodford has again proved his faith in the stability of the orange business by purchasing another grove in the San Dimas district. On Monday of this week he purchased from P. G. Tangeman ten acres on the Base Line road, consisting of seven acres of navel and three acres of young lemons, paying \$20,000 in cash for the property. There are no buildings on the property, but it is the very best part of the district and is a very fine income grove. This is the fourth grove Mr. Woodford has purchased in the past three years.

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Miscellaneous

Ammonia, 1 pt. Parsons	15c
" 1 qt. Parsons	22c
Axle Grease, 1 can Mica	.08c
Baking Powder, 1lb Royal	40c
" " 1/2lb Royal	21c
" " 1lb can Schillings	40c
" " 1/2lb can Schillings	21c
" " 1lb can Rumford	22c
" " 25c can K-C	20c
Blueing, 10c bottle	.07c
Borax, 10c package	.08c
Butter, 1lb Danish	42c
" 1lb Favorite (guaranteed)	40c
Butter prices subject to market changes.	
Beans—Pink, 2 1/2lb	25c
" Limas 2 1/2lb	25c
" Large White, 2lb	27c
" Navy, 2lb	27c
" Black-eyed, 3lb	25c
Bean prices subject to change on account of war conditions.	

Breakfast Foods

Brownie Wheat, large pkg.	22c
Carnation Wheat, large pkg.	24c
Carnation Oats, large pkg.	24c
Columbia Oats	23c
Cream of Wheat	18c
E-C Corn Flakes, per pkg.	.07c
Germea, per pkg.	.22c
Grape Nuts, per pkg.	12c
H-O, per pkg.	13c
Kellogg's Corn Flakes, per pkg.	.08c
Kellogg's Krumbles, per pkg.	.08c
Krinkle Corn Flakes, per pkg.	.07c
Post Toasties, per pkg.	.08c
Primrose Wheat, per pkg.	14c
Purity Oats, per pkg.	11c
Quaker Puffed Wheat, 2 pkgs.	25c
Quaker Puffed Rice, 2 pkgs.	25c
Quaker Scotch Oats, 2 pkgs.	21c
Roman Meal, per pkg.	21c
Shredded Wheat Biscuits, 2 for	21c
Triscuit, per pkg.	11c
Uncle Sam, per pkg.	21c

Flour

Best Grade, 49lb sack	\$2.57
Best Grade, 24lb sack	\$1.33
Drifted Snow, 49lb sack	\$2.57
Drifted Snow, 24lb sack	\$1.33
Best Grade, No. 10 size	.53c
Best Grade Graham, No. 10 size	.50c
Best Grade Pastry, No. 10 size	.50c
Buckwheat, Peacock, large	20c
Buckwheat, B. B., large	20c
Pancake Flour, Flap Jack, small	12c
Pancake Flour, Flap Jack, large	24c
Pancake Flour, Encore, small	12c
10lb sk. Corn Meal	39c
10c package Corn Meal	.08c

Coffee

1lb pkg. Magnolia, regular 30c seller	23c
1lb can Alta	33c
1lb can Alta	33c
1lb can Newmark's	33c
1lb can Newmark's	33c
1lb can Ben Hur	33c
1lb can Ben Hur	33c
1lb can Hill's Red Label	36c
2lb can Hill's Red Label	70c
2 1/2lb can Hill's Red Label	84c
3lb can Hill's Blue Label	85c
1lb can Chase & Sanborn's Vacuum Pack	36c
3lb can Chase & Sanborn's Vacuum Pack	97c

Canned Fish

Clams, Pioneer Minced, tall cans	14c
Crabs, Namco, wood-lined, small	22c
Crabs, Namco, wood-lined, large	37c
Fish Flakes	11c
Herring, C. B., large oval cans	29c
Oysters, Padlock, small	10c
Oysters, Padlock, large	20c
Oysters, Tropic, small	10c
Oysters, Tropic, large	20c
Oysters, Blue Point, small	17c
Oysters, Blue Point, large	31c
Oysters, Monogram, extra large, small can	22c
Salmon, tall can, pink	11c
Salmon, flat can, pink	3 for 25c
Salmon, Alaska Red, small flat can	14c
Salmon, Alaska Red, tall can	18c
Salmon, Alaska Red, large flat can	23c
Tuna, light and dark meat, small can	.09c
Tuna, light and dark meat, large can	11c

Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Cherries, Glass Jar brand, Royal Ann	25c
Cherries, Glass Jar brand, Black	25c
Peaches, Yellow Free, large tins	17c
Peaches, Glass Jar brand, Melba, extra large	19c
Pineapple, small cans	3 for 25c
Pineapple, tall cans	.09c
Pineapple, Broken Slices	12c
Pineapple, Glass Jar brand, extra nice	14c
Beans, Glass Jar brand, Kentucky Wonders	2 for 27c
Beans, Newmark's Stringless	19c
Hominy, large can	10c
Hominy, Van Camp's	12c
Kraut, Libby's, per can	10c
Kraut, Clark's, 2lb tin	11c
Kraut, Clark's, large tin	12c
Peas, Standard, per can	11c
Peas, Early June	2 for 25c
Peas, Del Monte	13c
Peas, Griffon's Sugar	15c
Peas, Griffon's Petit Pois	2 for 35c
Tomatoes, Puree, large can	10c
Tomatoes, Puente, large can	11c
Tomatoes, Del Monte	2 for 25c
Tomatoes, E. L. C., 3lb can, solid pack	14c
Pork and Beans, small cans	3 for 25c
Pork and Beans, Heinz, small	2 for 25c
Pork and Beans, Heinz, medium cans	2 for 35c

Catsup

Tomato Catsup, Heinz, small	15c
Tomato Catsup, Heinz, pints	26c
Tomato Catsup, Sniders, pints	21c

Cocoa and Chocolates

Chocolate, Baker's Ground, 1lb tall can	23c
Chocolate, Ghiradelli's Ground, 1lb tall can	26c
Chocolate, Baker's, 3lb can, ground	.65c
Chocolate, Ghiradelli's, 3lb can, ground	.73c
Chocolate, Ghiradelli's, 5lb can, ground	\$1.20
Chocolate, Baker's unsweetened, 1lb cake	.37c
Cocoa, Bishop's, 1lb pkg.	21c
Cocoa, Baker's, 1/2lb tins	21c
Cocoa, Baker's, 1lb tins	42c

Macaroni and Spaghetti

10c pkg. Bellacrescent Macaroni	2 for 15c
10c pkg. Bellacrescent Spaghetti	2 for 15c
25c pkg. Bellacrescent Macaroni	19c
25c pkg. Bellacrescent Spaghetti	19c
10c pkg. Bellacrescent Noodles	2 for 15c
10c pkg. Golden Egg Noodles	.08c

Cigars and Tobacco

Owls and San Felice, each	4c
Camel Cigarettes, per pkg.	9c
Prince Albert, 1lb tin	.66c
Prince Albert, 10c size	2 for 17c
Tuxedo, 10c size	2 for 17c
Velvet, 10c size	2 for 17c
Velvet, 1lb glass jar	84c
Union Leader, Lunch Pail	44c
Union Leader, Fruit Jar	44c
Dixie Queen, 1lb can	45c

Crackers and Cookies

Graham Crackers, per lb	12c
25c box Graham Crackers	19c
25c box Crackers	19c
25c box Snowflake Crackers	19c
1 large tin Crackers, family size	81c
All 10c pkg. Crackers	2 pkgs. 15c
All 10c pkg. Cookies	2 pkgs. 15c
2 pkgs. Uneda Biscuits	.09c
Spratt's Dog Biscuits	24c

Extracts and Spices

25c bottle Ben Hur Vanilla	20c
25c bottle Newmark's Vanilla	20c
25c bottle Ben Hur Lemon	18c
25c bottle Newmark's Lemon	18c
35c bottle Schilling's Vanilla	30c
25c bottle Schilling's Lemon	20c
35c bottle Mapleine	29c
20c Mapleine	16c

Gelatine

Jello, all flavors, per pkg.	.08c
Jello Ice Cream Powder, per pkg.	.08c
Jiffy Jell and Tryphasa, per pkg.	.08c
Dr. Price's Jelly Dessert, per pkg.	.08c
Knox Gelatine, per pkg.	15c

Lard and Substitutes

Cottolene, small can	40c
Cottolene, medium can	79c
Cottolene, large can	\$1.95
Crisco, small	34c
Crisco, medium	65c
Crisco, large	\$1.28
Suetene, small	53c
Suetene, medium	85c
Suetene, large	\$1.66
Violet, small	30c
Violet, medium	58c
Violet, large	\$1.15
Silver Leaf Lard, large can	\$1.94

Milk

6 small cans Sego	27c
3 large cans Sego	25c
6 small cans Carnation	27c
3 large cans Carnation	25c
3 large cans Mt. Vernon	25c
Not more than 6 small or 3 large to each customer each day of sale.	

Olive Oil

Sylmar, small bottles	20c
Sylmar, medium bottles	39c
Sylmar, large bottles	70c
Castruccio, imported, qt. can	74c
Castruccio, imported, 1/2 gal.	\$1.30

Rice

6lbs California Jap	25c
4 1/2lbs Head Rice	25c
3 1/2lbs Extra Fancy Head Rice	25c

Soda

A. & H. 1lb pkg.	.06c
Schilling's, 1lb pkg.	.05c

Salt

5c pkg. Table Salt	.04c
8lb sack Cooking	12c
10lb sack Cooking	14c
10c pkg. Shaker, Morton's	.08c
10c pkg. Cooking, Morton's	.08c

Soaps

6 bars Ben Hur	24c
6 bars White King	23c
6 bars Mermaid Queen	22c
6 bars A. B. Naptha	24c
6 bars Calla Lily	26c
6 bars Octagon	27c
6 bars Ivory, small	26c
2 bars Ivory, large	16c
Lilac Rose Glycerine	2 for 15c
Mermaid Powder, large	17c
Gold Dust, large	20c
Old Dutch Cleanser	2 for 15c
Bon Ami	2 for 15c
Sapolio	2 for 15c
Hydro Pura	19c
20 Mule Soap Chips	21c

Syrups

Small can Light Karo	2 for 25c
Medium can Light Karo	34c
Large can Light Karo	62c
Medium can Dark Karo	31c
Large can Dark Karo	56c
Log Cabin, small cans	21c
Log Cabin, medium cans	43c
Log Cabin, large cans	82c
Welch's Pure Maple Sap, qt. cans	49c

Miscellaneous

5 gal. Coal Oil	53c
6 boxes Blue Tip Matches	25c
6 boxes Searchlight Matches	25c
Minute Tapioca, qt. pkg.	.08c
10lb Best Cane Sugar	75c
10lb Best Beet Sugar	73c
Subject to market changes.	
10 pounds a day to each customer during sale.	
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BLUEGUM WOOD FOR SALE, at \$9 a cord. Mensing ranch, Irwindale Ave. Phone 151, Covina. 3-2p

FOR SALE—Orange rack and 4-ton springs. W. C. Woodworth. Call 693, Covina. tf

FOR SALE—Work horse, 1200 lbs., \$60. Double harness, \$25. J. C. Van Laar, phone 666. 2-23p

FOR SALE—Eucalyptus wood. Address or phone G. I. Lytle, East Puente St. Phone 634. 2-23p

FOR SALE—A young fresh cow; also pair of good ranch mules. John Lang, Orange avenue. Phone Covina 975. 1t

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White Minorena eggs, \$1.50 per setting. Phone 793. tf

FOR SALE—Second-hand gas stove "cheap." Covina Furniture Co. tf

FOR SALE—Second-hand drop-head sewing machine. Covina Furniture Co. tf

FOR SALE—Avocado trees. Phone 519. 2-23p

FOR SALE—Stable manure, delivery on P. E. Phone 346. V. F. Dotts. tf

ECONOMIC COOKING SCHOOL

BEING CONDUCTED THIS WEEK Saturday will mark the close of Mrs. Mary L. Haines' successful free economic cooking school.

For the past week this cooking expert has conducted a lively school in cooking at the Woman's club-house, where large crowds of housewives, anxious to learn how to fight the high cost of living, have assembled in daily classes. The school opened Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and has continued daily since.

The attendance at each class has increased, and it is estimated that Saturday's class will break all records for attendance here.

Saturday's school will be the most interesting of the week. Aside from the daily prizes to be given away, the most important lesson of the week will be given out. This lesson is that of baking bread. Mrs. Haines will demonstrate how bread can be raised, mixed and baked in the remarkably short space of two hours. This is one of the features of the week's program and will be instructive to all who attend.

In addition to the bread-making feature tomorrow, the biggest surprise of the week will take place, the awarding of the "Hot Spot" gas heater. This heating article is today in use in thousands of American homes and is considered to be one of the most desirable stoves of its kind on the market. This and many other features should make Saturday's closing class the most interesting one of the week's session.

FOR RENT.

HOUSE TO RENT—Six dollars per month; four living rooms (plastered), besides bath room, toilet; water in house. Location Vincent St., second house south of Puente street. Inquire at place. Geo. Osgoodby, R. F. D. Covina. 2-23p

FOR RENT—Furnished, a 6-room modern cottage with garage; excellent condition. Two blocks from center of town. W. C. Merwin, phone 215, Citrus Rooms. 1t

FOR RENT—6-room house on Third and Cottage Drive. Phone 357, Azusa. 1tp-tf

WANTED.

WANTED—Sewing by Mrs. M. B. Gray, who has returned to take up her sewing as formerly in Covina. Rooms with Mrs. Nye on corner of Second and E. Center streets. 3-9p

WANTED—Call or write S. S. Pomroy, 47 N. Wilson Ave., Pasadena, when you want to sell your poultry. 3-23p

WANTED—Poultry bought. Highest prices paid. Will call on Tuesday or Thursday. Address Clyde Hope, 270 E. 42nd St., Los Angeles. tf

WANTED—Several pruners at once. Call V. A. Spalding, 368, Azusa. 1t

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Tail light and auto number 87703. A. R. Taylor, phone Covina 293. 1t

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES.

Tuesday afternoon an illustrated lecture on the Hawaiian islands was given by A. O. Hushaw, at the Reed school. This was interesting as well as educational. Mr. Hushaw showed wonderful views of the tropical plants of the islands and also many views of the city of Honolulu. The most interesting pictures were those of the volcanoes. These were taken by a photographer who stayed in the crater two nights taking motion pictures, at the risk of his life. Mr. Hushaw has spent twenty years in the Hawaiian islands. We all enjoyed the lecture.

The attendance has been very good this week, considering the rain.

The first issue of the eighth grade journal was read last Friday by the editor-in-chief, Lorraine Bainbridge. The class enjoyed the paper very much, as many had contributed to it. They look forward to the next issue.

Grace Austin,
Dorothy Kaiser.

THE PREACHING MISSION AT HOLY TRINITY COMING WEEK

An invitation has been extended to the members of other religious bodies, and to those who have no religious affiliation, as well as to all Episcopalians, to attend the sessions of the "preaching mission" to be given in Holy Trinity Episcopal church every evening next week. As there will be no liturgical worship, the whole evening being devoted to the singing and preaching, and as there will be no "collections," no one need hesitate about attending for fear of discomfort or expense.

The Rev. Charles T. Murphy has chosen great evangelical subjects for his sermons, such as "The Origin, Reality and Destiny of the Human Soul"; "The Meaning and Method of Conversion and Its Relation to Holy Baptism"; "The Meaning of Faith as Illustrated by the Lives of the Heroes of Religion," etc. He will try to translate the Christian religion into the terms of modern life, for the needs of modern men. Some of the social and political problems of present-day life from the Christian point of view will receive attention.

However, the definite purpose of the mission is to deepen the spiritual life of the community, and to this end the preacher expects to bend his efforts, avoiding controversy, sensation and sectarianism. The meetings begin Sundays at 7:30 p.m., week-nights at 8.

Get it at the Covina Book Store.

New Liquid Gas Method Tried Out

S. A. Stowell of Charter Oak Chosen by Manufacturers to Experiment With Liquefied Hydrocyanic Gas—Several Advantages Claimed for Product.

(By S. A. Stowell.)

Since the extension experiments conducted by D. W. Coquillet of the Department of Agriculture, sent to California in 1886, to find means of successfully destroying the cottony cushion scale (Icerya Purchasi) which threatened the very life of the orange business at that time, resulted in his discovery that hydrocyanic acid gas, because of its rapid generation, complete diffusion through the air, and its poisonous qualities, was the most satisfactory of all methods used in killing the scale down to the present time, especially since using cyanide from a sodium base, there has been constant study and experimentation to get away from the resulting residue left in the orchard after the generation of the gas, the same not only being of no practical value as a fertilizer, but a menace, often burning up and killing the soil where it was deposited for some length of time.

To get away from these troubles, some six years ago the Dingle Brothers, of Los Angeles, invented a portable machine that could be drawn through the orchard by a horse, and the hydrocyanic acid gas generated as needed at each tree, leaving the residue in the machine, which usually was dumped out in a small stream through middle of space between trees in the orchard, and in some cases dumped in gutters along the street, frequently causing damage to street trees.

These machines were greatly perfected during the following years, until they came into general use two years ago in a machine known as the "Cyanofumer." Nevertheless, while the best practical method and results in fumigating have been obtained with their use, there has been a constant complaint from orchardists that the machines knock off too much fruit, break too many twigs and limbs, and that there seems no place to put the residue from the machines. The orchardist doesn't want it in his orchard, neither does he like to have it in the street adjoining, so the fumigator in some instances has been put to his wits to dispose of it satisfactorily without hurting anyone's feelings.

To meet these difficulties, the Dingle Brothers, through constant study and experiments, have, during the past season become pioneers again along another line, and have manufactured a product known as liquid hydrocyanic gas, conducting experiments with same throughout the citrus districts of California, apparently with marked success in killing the scale, and ease of handling the new product under varying conditions of temperature.

Liquid hydrocyanic acid gas is made by dissolving the sodium cyanide crystals in water and generating the gas the same as with the present machine, the gas first passing through a drum on top of the machine containing baffle plates to intercept the gas while it is being heated, to make it dry and keep it moving through a pipe into an airtight dome from which drop a large number of flues open at each end, between which there is constantly being circulated a freezing mixture of ammonia salt water, which freezes the gas and condenses it so that from the lower end of the flues it flows into an iron container, from which it is drawn off into tight containers to be transferred to the orchard as needed.

Last week, Mr. S. A. Stowell of Charter Oak, one of the most progressive fumigators of the state, received "carte blanc" from the Dingle Brothers to have manufactured into "liquid gas" 200 pounds of cyanide and to take and use same in a commercial way on his own orchards in varying strengths, in order to find out the weak points of new methods and show the best practical method of handling the new product. That it was now beyond the experimental stage, and could now be placed in the hands of fumigators, and with ordinary caution be used in the art of fumigating.

After watching the manufacture of the gas previously described, we turned this liquid cyanide over to our fumigating crew, who drew it off into a small tank, capacity two gallons, containing the equivalent of thirty-two pounds of dry cyanide, mounted on a light stand connected up with a graduate calculated to measure the proper dose in ounces, together with a small hand pump and a short length to reach under the tree, on the end of which were a couple of spray nozzles, the whole weighing, loaded, about thirty-five pounds. After placing the tent over the tree in the ordinary manner, and measurements being given to the "generator," who carried this small machine loaded in one hand, he placed the end of the pipe on the end of which were the spray nozzles, under the edge of the tent, so the spray nozzles turned up inside the tent, then opened a valve, and let into the graduate the proper amount of liquid gas, after which the

valve was closed, the pump handle raised, from which it was ejected on the downward stroke of the pump, through the nozzles into a very fine spray, out into the air under the tree, where it immediately on coming in contact with the air is changed into hydrocyanic gas, and does its work the same as the gas—whether generated by the old pot system or by the machine method.

There is no claim that the new method of application will be any less expensive than former methods. Some of the advantages are:

Owing to liquefying a dry gas, we will get away from that part of the burning of trees and fruit, caused by sulphuric acid particles being present in former methods of generation, although the burning caused by hydrocyanic acid gas will be the same.

The matter of residue, the greatest disadvantage of the present methods, would be entirely eliminated, as it would all be taken care of at place where liquid gas plants were located.

It would obviate the soaking out of present machines every few days to keep them clean, and the glass graduate gives operator the advantage of at all times seeing that he is using the proper amount of liquid.

Other advantages come from the fact of not using horses to draw gas machines through orchard, which cause more or less injury to the trees from breaking off twigs and limbs and pulling off fruit, to say nothing of breaking down the orchardists' ridges and furrows, destroying some of the green crop, and causing much extra labor for the orchardist.

It is too early yet to obtain the results on the scale of work done on Mr. Stowell's orchard, where work was done in blocks alongside of other blocks using the machine method of generation, and using the various dosage schedules, so that ultimately a very fair comparison may be made by experts in such matters.

LOCAL NEWS.

Men's League Entertained by Coopers

The Men's League of the Presbyterian church was entertained last Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cooper at their home on San Bernardino road. Mr. Cameron Johnson of Richmond, Virginia, gave an interesting address on "Master Men I Have Known." Included in the list were such men as John Wamamaker, John R. Mott, and John H. Converse. After the address, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The remainder of the evening was spent in listening to selections on Mr. and Mrs. Cooper's new Edison.

Prominent Beekeepers Guests of Bixbys

M. C. Richter, United States consul for Paraguay at San Francisco, and Prof. Willis Lynch of Stockton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bixby during the state beekeepers' convention in Los Angeles. Both gentlemen are prominent commercial beekeepers of the state, having large investments in bees.

Local Young Man Opens Dental Offices

Dr. C. W. Searcy, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Searcy of Orange avenue, has opened dental offices in the First National Bank building. Dr. Searcy is a graduate of the dental college of U. S. C. in the class of 1916, and has a well-equipped office for his line of work, with all the latest equipment.

School Teachers Give Fashion Show

A party of local school teachers was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCune on West Badillo street Monday evening of this week, in a novel manner. The entire party represented a fashion show, as each person was dressed, becoming to her style of beauty, in outfits suitable to various occasions. The outfits ranged from sporting costumes to the daintiest and most fairylike of party gowns. The evening was all most informal, and a dainty collation was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. McCune, Misses Denning, Taylor, Sharpe, Hostetter, Daly, Moore, Hoogner, Cavanaugh, Edwards, Nigg, Houser, and Mrs. Holt.

Civil War Veterans Entertained

A number of Civil war veterans met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tripp on Citrus avenue last Thursday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carle of Janesville, Wisconsin. Mr. Carle is an old veteran. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mace, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Raymond, Rev. S. J. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Damerel, Fred Preston, and Henry L. Marshall, making a representation from the Civil war, Spanish-American war, and 1916 border duty. An evening of music and reminiscence was enjoyed.

W. O. T. U. Meeting May Be Postponed

Unless the rain ceases the Frances Willard memorial meeting to be held by the ladies of the W. O. T. U. at the home of Mrs. Harriett Reynolds on Vincent street, this afternoon, will be postponed one week.

Captain Mussey Entertains Old School Friend

Captain N. D. Mussey of West Badillo street has had as his guest the past week W. R. Owen of Pontiac, Michigan. Mr. Owen, accompanied by his wife, is spending the winter in California. Seventy years ago, Captain Mussey and Mr. Owen were schoolboys together in Romeo, Michigan, and since that time have renewed their friendship at their occasional meetings.

Local Stars Attend Grand Patron Reception

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Griffiths and Mr. and Mrs. William Hoogenlyk will attend the reception given the grand patron of 'San Francisco' by the Pacific chapter of the grand patrons in Los Angeles Saturday evening.

Former Covina Boy Sails For France

Leslie Shipway sailed from New York February 13 on the French liner Espagne for France, where he, with fifty other young American college men will take up the work of assistants in the French Red Cross service. Young Shipway is a former resident of Covina, where he was employed in the postoffice by J. L. Matthews.

Live Chicken Shower for Boys' Home

Madame Ellen Beach Yaw entertained last Friday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe, on Lark Ellen and Cypress avenues with a live chicken shower for the boys of the Lark Ellen News and Working Boys Home in Los Angeles. Aside from the local present, a large party of Madame Yaw's friends were present from Los Angeles. The guests wandered about the grounds at will, and were later entertained with impromptu musical numbers, by the hostess and her talented guests.

Social Dance at Bainbridge Home

Miss Eulalia Bainbridge, assisted by Miss Ruth Arthur, entertained last Saturday evening with a dancing party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bainbridge, on East Badillo street. Among the guests were young people from Los Angeles, Claremont, Azusa, Glendora, and Covina. Excellent guitar and banjo music was furnished for the dancers and refreshments of punch and wafers were dispensed throughout the evening.

Local Girl Sings Before Ebell Club

Miss Helen Broadwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broadwell, sang before the Ebell Club of Los Angeles on Thursday afternoon. She was accompanied by Mrs. Harry Damerel.

The George Washington party scheduled to be held last evening in the Christian church parlors, was postponed until Saturday evening, because of the rainy weather.

The Lyric Club held its regular rehearsal Wednesday afternoon at the home of the leader, Mrs. Belle Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of Glendale are spending the week-end with Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mrs. J. H. Matthews and Miss Lucy Matthews returned Thursday from Long Beach, where they have been spending the greater part of the week.

William Carter, Jr., of First street has been in a very serious condition this week with pneumonia. At times he has had a high temperature. Thursday evening he showed signs of being a little better, according to Dr. Wallace Reed, who has the case in charge.

FIELDS MADE LIFE-MEMBER OF H. C. OF L. FIGHTERS

The H. C. of L. Society of this valley, which is engaged in the struggle with the high cost of living, has made J. D. Fields of Covina an honorary member. His credentials were given him this week just after he issued a big advertisement, which appears in this newspaper, slashing prices on all kinds of groceries.

Mr. Fields is the proprietor of the Ax Billy store on Citrus avenue, and for some time he has been figuring how to get a strangle-hold on old H. C. of L. The advertisement in this paper is an interesting one to anyone who has to eat in order to live, and those who live just to eat will also be delighted with it.

SPINAL DISEASE CLAIMS CHILD OF FIVE YEARS

Little Walter Haime, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haime of Irwindale, died early yesterday morning after an illness from spinal meningitis. The little lad was five years old.

The parents live at the home of W. W. Haime, near the corner of the Covina boulevard and Lark Ellen street. Many friends of the family have been shocked by the news of this loss of Mr. and Mrs. Haime's only child.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock at the home, Cunningham & O'Connor of Los Angeles in charge, and Rev. M. H. Geary of Azusa officiating.



Presbyterian Church: Rev. Chauncey A. Foreman, pastor. Italia and Second streets. Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; Chas. A. Hale, superintendent; morning sermon, 11 a.m.; Junior C. E., 4 p.m.; C. E. Society, 6:30; evening service, 7:30; mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning Mr. Cameron Johnson will speak on "Alabaster Boxes," evening, illustrated lecture on "The Land Where Jesus Lived" by Mr. Johnson. At the Sunday-school Mr. Johnson will give an object talk on "Dollars and Sense." To the C. E. will be given "A Story on a Post Card." Special music by the quartet.

Methodist Church: Rev. S. J. McConnell, pastor. College street near Citrus avenue. Sunday-school, 9:45; Citrus avenue. Sunday-school, 9:45; R. T. Chew, superintendent; morning sermon, 11; Epworth League, 6:30 p.m.; evening service, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning sermon, "Christian Patriotism" (Washington's birthday observance) Epworth league leader, Miss Hoogner. Evening sermon by the pastor. Good music by large choir, led by Mr. Easton.

Christian Science Society of Covina: 132 West Badillo street. Sunday-school, 9:45; morning service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday evening testimonial meeting, 8. Reading room open from 10 to 5 daily, except Sundays and holidays.

Sunday morning subject, "Mind." Reading room open from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., daily, except Sundays and holidays.

Church of the Brethren: George F. Chamberlen, elder in charge. Third and Puente streets. Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; morning sermon, 11 a.m.; Christian Workers' meeting, 6:45; evening sermon, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week services on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Church: Garret W. Thompson, pastor. Park street and San Bernardino road. Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; Tom Johnson, superintendent; morning sermon, 11 a.m.; C. E., 6:30; evening sermon, 7:30; mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church: Rev. H. O. Michel, pastor. Church Third and Dexter streets. Sunday-school, 9:30 a.m.; morning sermon, 10:30; Wednesday evening service 7:30.

Baptist Church: Rev. W. W. Catherwood, pastor. Second street near College. Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; morning sermon, 11; Junior B.Y.P.U., 3:00 p.m.; Senior B.Y.P.U., 6:45 p.m.; evening sermon, 7:45 p.m.; mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Pastor's morning subject, "Christian Education." Short sermon to the junior church; subject, "The Apple of Your Eye." Young people's subject, "The Appeal of Foreign Missions to Young Life"; leader for the senior society, Mr. Clyde Custer. Evening sermon subject, "Are the People of the West as Friendly as they Were and Are Back Home?" All easterners invited. Mrs. Catherwood will sing a solo, Clayton Nicol will play a violin solo, orchestra and quartet. Come.

Church of the Holy Trinity: Rev. Charles T. Murphy, rector. Church at Third and Badillo streets. Holy Communion, 7:30 a.m., second and fourth Sundays of month. Sunday-school, 9:30 a.m. Morning service and sermon, 11 a.m. Evening service and sermon, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning the celebration is at 11 a.m., with sermon on "Devotion to Christ." Sunday evening will mark the beginning of the preaching mission; begin with a sermon on "The First Adam and the Second Adam."

The preaching mission will continue during the week with sermons every evening at 8 p.m. There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., and on Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Church of the Sacred Heart (Catholic): Father M. H. Geary, priest. Church at Fifth and Center streets. Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Five Acre Grove Sold To Eastern Man

A real estate transaction of some importance took place this week in the sale of five acres of oranges belonging to Mr. J. A. M. Carlsen on Vincent street to G. W. Crosby, recently from Oklahoma. The Carlsen grove is about half valencias and half navels in full bearing trees. Mr. Crosby expects to take charge of the ranch immediately and he and his wife will move into the house on the place. Mr. Carlsen has no definite plans for the future, but will make a trip to Oregon to look after business interests, leaving Mrs. Carlsen in Pomona for a short time.

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